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Wisconsin Emergency Management to Help Hurricane Victims

MADISON – State and local emergency management officials will head to Alabama tomorrow to help victims of Hurricane Ivan.

Lois Ristow and Dale Seidel of Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) and Randy Books of Barron County Emergency Management will assist at disaster recovery centers in Mobile, AL. They will help hurricane victims register for federal disaster aid and provide any other needed assistance. Last week, Gregg Reuter of WEM was sent to Tallahassee, Florida to work at the State Emergency Operations Center.

“Our thoughts go out to the victims of the hurricanes that have hit many southern states in recent weeks,” said Gov. Doyle. “I am pleased that we are able to send emergency management staff to help those in need.”

The staff will work at their assigned disaster location for two weeks as part of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), which allows for mutual aid between states. Wisconsin joined EMAC in 2000 and has sent state emergency management staff to provide assistance during the Montana Wildfires in 2000 and to New York City following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Under EMAC, the state requesting the aid is responsible for all costs related to deploying the emergency staff.

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